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-- REMARKS --

The examiner is thanked for a thorough examination of the present patent application. Claims 1, 9, and 11 have been amended to obviate the antecedent basis rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, and not to avoid any reference. Further, claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error, correcting "it" to "its". In addition, claims 6, 7, and 13, and the elements of claims 6, and 7 have been incorporated in claim 1, and the elements of claim 13 incorporated into claim 12. As claims 7 and 13 were previously noted to be allowable, it is believed that this matter is in allowable form, and such action is earnestly solicited. Applicant reserves the right to present these unamended claims in a continuation application, as this amendment is made solely to expedite prosecution.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing Amendments and Remarks, the applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-3, 5, and 8-21 are in condition for allowance. The applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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